Notes on interview with Matt Heron on David Chandler, taped

11/6/68 7:30 am.

Sudden interest in Guatemala archeology by Chandler & wife - Spring 67 - before Wine Articles got started - Not archeologist there - Went & got Polaroid pictures. Interest seems to die after trip

Work all rewritten.

Lives alone means.

Says unto plays but never had any for Matt to send

Baton Rouge - Novel - Pitcher - Sheraton Motor Lodge. Novel Drew David there. Inside tracks on Novel interview. Went to rooms & waited.

Other reporters in hotel.

Went to top (Novel's) flor. Photographers detectives at end, who would let them through. They then returned to rooms. Matt concerned they'd not see Novel but not David. Novel agreed to press conference. Got D sitting in D's room drinking Scotch. Each had only 2-3 drinks. But Matt felt an edge - not drunk.

Went upstairs to room prepared for Novel's interview.

Before Novel came in David disappeared in direction of Novel's suite. David says otherwise.

Novel said nothing in his press conf. Novel had 3-4 lawyers with him. David not there!

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finished press conf. without David
Couldn't follow - blocked - M. tried to
get in because he thought D there &
needed him but M could not get
past detection. M then went to his
room & called Novel's suite. They
David not there.

M then went to bed - about midnight
Began feeling badly - asthma attack &
splitting headache. Seemed like whole
body ached. Very sick. Like nightmare -
distorted sense reality. Remembers hearing
loud voice & pounding on David's door,
which was next to his. In hallway,
lot of big men around. M. thought
them detectives. They were Novel's lawyers,
or men with them. D's door partly
open. D in bed, getting out. He told
Matt he needed no help.

Next, went back to bed. Got call
from David in 15 minutes. Said Novel
coming, get camera & come in, Did.
Found Novel's lawyer & 2-3 other men
possibly lawyers, sitting around talking.
David talking to them, lucid & at ease.
Novel came. Long conversation, just that
Gordon alluded to his Mafia connections
What he had done for them, Ia exhibit
at N.Y. World's Fair, Guerson, etc. M.
thought he gave only inundos, that he was
nothing but a punk. D. agreed. M. hard info.

Both returned to bed. Next day followed
Novel to grave jury. M still very sick, like
bad flu attack. It gradually wore off.

Had talked to David of his absence at
press conf. David said he had gone to bed
because he was drunk.

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In then though old. He had seen D drunk & he is then very strongly but he did not think D then drunk.